

## FIRST CONTRACT FOR RESIDENCE IS AWARDED

L. I. HIRSCH LEADS THE WAY IN ONTARIO'S HOME BUILDING CAMPAIGN—J. A. DRAPER SECURES CONTRACT FOR BUNGALOW

## GROUP CONTRACT ARRANGED

Lumber Companies to Meet Outside Prices—Idaho Power to Give Special Wiring Rates—Definite Action Shows Success of Plan.

Ontario's home building campaign is a reality now. The first of the twenty-five men to sign the pledge to build a home in Ontario has let his contract, that honor goes to L. I. Hirsch who on Monday let a contract for a \$4,000 bungalow to J. A. Draper.

Announcement was made at the commercial club luncheon last night of a special offer made by the Idaho Power company of reduced prices on wiring ordered during this home building campaign. Also it is understood that a special price on lumber has been made by the lumber companies, so that home builders will be able to proceed knowing that they are getting rock bottom prices.

Plans are now being discussed by a number of those who signed the pledge to build, whereby they will let their contracts together, thus getting the further advantage of buying lumber, building material, plumbing and lighting fixtures in large quantities. It is believed that such a contract will be called for on 15 or 16 houses.

Besides the 25 names listed last week the following have been added: Fred Pitzer, Al Chance, Charles Gebert, Larue Blackaby and Dr. E. S. Fortner, who they have not signed the roll are also planning on building at once, and W. W. Wood is proceeding with his plans. Besides these, too, there are also a number of others who have the building notion entertained in various degrees, so that Secretary F. L. Body of the commercial club feels positive that at least 40 homes will be added to Ontario's residential count as the result of the campaign.

The first home to be built, that of Mr. Hirsch, as stated above will occupy the corner of Virtue street and Kansas avenue. Larue Blackaby plans to build on the lots next to it. The plans for Mr. Hirsch's home are unique, and include among other features that of electric heating, a bed room with a wall that will drop to the basement in the warm months thus providing a big "out of door" room.

## FORD MOTOR DRIVES FIRST SEAPLANE OVER ATLANTIC

"Engines functioned perfectly," said Lieutenant Commander Read, "who commanded big Seaplane on Voyage Across Atlantic."

The Ford Motor Company has just received official advice from the Navy Department that it was four Ford Liberty Motors—all built in the Ford Motor Company's shops at Detroit—which furnished the power that drove the NC Four to victory in its recent record breaking flight across the Atlantic from Trepassey, Newfoundland to Plymouth, England, a distance of 4,000 miles. They were regular stock motors built during the war as a part of the Ford Liberty Motor production.

Upon his arrival in Lisbon, Portugal, Lieutenant Commander Read, said, "The engines functioned perfectly all the way from America to Portugal." And American Naval Officers who thoroughly inspected the NC Four upon its arrival at Plymouth, England, stated that the big seaplane was in even better condition than when it left America.

The NC Four flight, which has meant a triumph for American engineering skill, also adds another record to Ford achievement.

## ONTARIO HIGH TO MEET PAYETTE TEAM ON GRIDIRON

The first real football game of the season will be played tomorrow afternoon at the Fair grounds between the teams of the Ontario and the Payette High Schools. The game will start at 3:30 and a good crowd of rooters should be out to root for the home team. Last Friday afternoon there was a practice game between Ontario and Nyssa and the visitors furnished a big surprise for their husker opponents and held them even. The score was 6 to 6 when the coaches called in their men.

## NATION TO UNITE IN HONORING ROOSEVELT

State Campaign to be Held From October 20 to October 27—Malheur County Asked to Contribute \$750 to Fund.

The campaign for the securing of subscriptions to the Roosevelt Memorial fund will be held during the week of October 20 to 27. The quota which is to be raised in Oregon is \$35,000, that for Malheur county is only \$750.

The Oregon State committee has taken the position that while the state's quota could be raised by subscription among a few of the thousands of admirers of the ex-president, yet that would not adequately represent the feeling held by the vast majority of the citizens, and therefore, small contributions from a large number of citizens is more to be desired and sought for in this campaign.

J. L. Etheridge chairman of the committee on appropriation has placed Malheur county's quota at \$750. This is based, as in previous efforts of this kind on the county's wealth and population.

Every subscriber to the Roosevelt Memorial will be permanently enrolled as a member of the Roosevelt Memorial Association and will receive a certificate of membership.

The campaign in Malheur county will be directed by G. K. Atken who has been appointed county chairman by Edgar E. Piper, state director. The county will be divided into districts and the sum to be raised in each apportioned as in other drives. The local chairman will be appointed this week.

## THIRD ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL SCHEDULED

Ellison-White Chautauqua Festival to be Held Here October 17 to 22—All evening Entertainments.

After two successful winter Chautauques Ontario is to enter its third year as a Chautauqua town. The program this year will be given from October 17 to 22, inclusive, and will consist of many fine numbers.

So satisfied were audiences of last winter that more than 100 pledged themselves to take tickets for this season's course. It was this assurance on the part of the audiences that the contract was signed by the representatives of the Commercial club the High School faculty and a number of individual citizens.

Next week a committee headed by Superintendent of Schools, H. P. Lewis will have charge of the distribution of tickets for the course. This work will be greatly expedited and the work of the committee simplified if the signers of the agreement to take tickets will be ready when called upon.

Programs of the Chautauqua festival will be distributed during the week and further announcement of all the events will be made in the Argus of next week.

## BOUNTIFUL CROPS IMPRESS VISITOR FROM MINNESOTA

W. M. Hobart of Minneapolis, Minn. was in Ontario this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Alker. He stopped enroute to Portland, Tacoma and other western cities. After a trip over the Boulevard and on the Fruitland bench and Dead Ox Flat, Mr. Hobart declared his astonishment at the wonderful productivity of the Snake river valley.

## ENGINEERS EXAMINE CAIRO-NYSSA ROAD

Contractors go With Division Engineer and District Engineer Over Road—May Take Contract at Lower Figures.

M. O. Bennett, division engineer of the State Highway Commission and C. A. Harrington, district engineer came to Ontario on Tuesday and went over the Cairo-Nyssa section of the John Day Highway with representatives of Porter & Connelly, whose bid for \$69,277.25 was the lowest offered on the work.

It was the purpose of the trip to present the situation to the contractors in an effort to get them to scale their bid down so that the engineers would be justified in having the work proceed at once.

After leaving Nyssa the party went to Vale and intended to inspect the Vale to Brogan section of the Highway for which bids will be called soon.

No announcement was made concerning the result of the trip over the Cairo-Nyssa road but as soon as action is definitely taken local good roads enthusiasts will be notified.

County Judge E. H. Test, who is giving close attention to the development of the good roads program thruout the state has determined to keep Malheur county before the commission at every sitting. For the next gathering he has asked P. J. Gallagher and Julien Hurley to represent the county and to urge more speedy action on the state's program in this county.

## COLLEGE ROMANCE AND SECRET WEDDING TOLD

Miss Neva Billingsley, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Billingsley of this City Married to Charles Beatty June 6, 1919.

In Albany, Oregon on June 6, 1919 there was a wedding. The principals of that interesting ceremony were Miss Neva Ione Billingsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Billingsley of Oregon City, both of whom were students at the time of Oregon Agricultural College, where they are now completing their courses.

But the bride and groom did not announce their wedding after it was over. They went back to Corvallis, each to the classes they were pursuing toward their degrees. When vacation time came, Mrs. Beatty, came home to Ontario, still to be greeted as Miss Billingsley. Mr. Beatty came to the city in August to visit at the Billingsley home—and no one was the wiser. After a two-weeks stay Mr. Beatty returned to his home, and Mrs. Beatty, still keeping her secret went back to Corvallis where she is a senior this year, as is her husband. This week Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley learned of their daughter's romance and told the many friends of the family.

The bride is wellknown to Ontario folks, the daughter of a pioneer family long prominent in Malheur and Harney counties. After graduating from the local high school she attended the University of Washington for a year and then went to O. A. C. from which she will graduate in the spring. The groom is the son of a pioneer family of Western Oregon. In his college days he has been prominent, last year being Yell King of the Aggie Rooters. He is a student in the department of chemical engineering and will graduate at the end of the first semester this year.

## DEAD OX FLAT RANCHERS ELECT GOOD ROAD OFFICERS

At a meeting held last Friday evening on Dead Ox Flat the residents of Road District No. 18 elected the following officers for the year: A. A. Gutteridge, president; P. M. Boals, secretary. A good roads committee was chosen consisting of I. I. Culbertson, L. R. Breithaupt and E. C. Belknap. It was also decided that no special road tax shall be levied for the coming year.

## FARM BUREAU PROJECT VALUE IS DISCUSSED

F. L. Ballard of Extension Service Tells of Benefits—Work is Endorsed—Club Gives to Corpus Christi Sufferers.

That Malheur county is the only important agricultural county in Eastern Oregon that is not organized with a Farm Bureau and receiving the benefits of the work being done at the state and federal experiment stations was the statement made to the members of the Commercial club at its regular meeting Wednesday evening by F. L. Ballard, County Agent Leader for Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Ballard addressed the club following the luncheon and briefly told of the growth of agricultural extension work during the past 12 years. He gave exact accounts of the benefits which have accrued to ranchers of DesChutes, Wallowa, Crook, Baker and Klamath counties during the past year, and declared that there are many problems facing the ranchers of Malheur county that offer similar opportunities for service.

He declared, however, that this matter is one which the ranchers themselves must take in hand if it is to be properly solved. He outlined the plan whereby the various agricultural sections are organized and the work directed by a central committee of ranchers of the county.

The club gave its endorsement of the work and declared its willingness to assist in carrying it forward should the ranchers of the county so desire.

Aid Corpus Christi  
A letter from the Mayor of Corpus Christi, Texas was read asking for financial assistance for that grief stricken region. An assessment of 50 cents per member was levied and collected from those present. The assistance was ordered forwarded and collected later.

Will Stand For Increase.  
On receiving assurance that the Malheur Home Telephone company would not seek to have the present program of service between Ontario and Nyssa and between Ontario and Fruitland changed, the club passed a resolution declaring that it would not contest a raise in telephone rates equal to the rates under the Burleson tariff for towns of Ontario's size. The resolution declared that the club in nowise lessened its belief that the contract entered into between the Malheur Home Telephone company and the Ontario Independent company should be maintained so far as the scope of service is concerned.

By a unanimous vote the club members indicated their desire that the original plan of the city council to remove all street scales from the paved district be adhered to and instructed the secretary to so advise the City Council. This was done following a talk by Councilman Harry B. Coekrum who asked that the club take this action.

## HOOSIER STATE LOOKS GOOD TO VISITOR FROM ONTARIO

Eugene Girard who for years has lived here in Ontario while working at the Holy Rosary Hospital in back in his old home town, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tho he is enjoying his visit there, he wants the Argus to keep him informed of what is doing here in Ontario and writes that the Hoosier state is a pretty picture with the grass and trees still green. The trip across the Middle West did not appeal to Mr. Girard for he described it as very hot and tiresome. As yet he is not certain when he will return to the West.

## GOES TO ATTEND CONVENTION OF EDISON DEALERS OF WEST

W. L. Turner of Turner's Music Shop left on No. 19 Saturday for Spokane to attend the convention of Edison dealers of the Northwest in session there this week. All of the representatives of the great East Orange, New Jersey corporation in the inter-mountain country are the guests of the company at this gathering and a big program is being enjoyed by them.

Mrs. John Landis has accepted a position in the clerical force of the Stanfield office.

## CARNEGIE LIBRARY TO SERVE READERS IN RURAL SECTIONS

On a petition being presented to the County Court in session at Vale today signed by residents of Ontario and Nyssa and other portions of the county the Carnegie Library of this county was designated as a County Library to serve the needs of the rural sections. This county wide library plan has been in vogue in Umatilla county for some time and has proven of great benefit. The local library is now used by a great many ranchers and under the new plan its usefulness will be further enhanced.

## PAVING PLANT WILL BE HERE ON OCTOBER 15

Rapid Progress Being Made on Curbing and Gutter Work—Will Complete Paving of Oregon Street This Fall.

With rapid progress being made on the curbing and gutter work, which is preliminary to that of paving, the Warren Construction company expects to have the surface of Oregon street complete this fall. This was the statement of Superintendent Boetick today.

According to a wire received Wednesday a paving plant will reach Ontario on or before October 15 and that will permit a start being made on the paving soon afterward. The first paving will be laid on Oregon street starting at Wyoming avenue. From there it will proceed north on Oregon street to Illinois avenue.

At present Jas. Doty who is furnishing the sand and gravel for the contractors is keeping ten teams hauling and two loading gravel, and the construction company has a large crew of men mixing the concrete and pouring it in the forms along Oregon and intersecting streets.

With the beginning of work it found that many trees and poles are in the way and these are being removed, indicating that Ontario will in a few months present a great changed appearance to visitors.

## ONTARIO-BURNS LAW FIRM IS ORGANIZED

McCulloch & Duncan is Firm Style and Offices Will be Maintained Here and in Harney County's Capital.

Ontario and Burns will be the locations of the offices of a new law firm which was organized during the past week. The principals in the new arrangement are Attorney J. W. McCulloch of this city and Capt. Robert M. Duncan, late of the U. S. A. at Camp Lewis, and formerly of Ontario and Vale.

Capt. and Mrs. Duncan arrived from Camp Lewis on Sunday and after visiting here for a day or two Captain Duncan left this morning for Burns where he will establish the office of the new firm. Mrs. Duncan went to Homedale on Monday for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Otto Blackaby and will join her husband at Burns later.

This is not the first time Messrs. McCulloch and Duncan have been associated in business and professional life. When Capt. Duncan first came to Malheur county he was associated with the firm of McCulloch, Solless & Duncan, and later went to Vale where he opened an office for himself, which he maintained until he entered the service. He was one of the very first men of Malheur county to answer the call going to the first officers training camp at the Presidio from which he graduated a Captain, and was sent to Camp Lewis where he remained until discharged last week.

Mrs. Barbara May of Shoshone, Idaho is in the city this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooker. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Orcutt have moved to Halley, Idaho where Mr. Orcutt has accepted a position.

Dick Scott of Buelah is in the city this week on business.

## TROUT FRY PLANTED IN MALHEUR STREAMS

GAME AND FISH COMMISSION'S CAR BRINGS THIRTY THOUSAND BROOK TROUT AND STEELHEADS TO RESERVOIR.

## FIRST PLANTED IN COUNTY

Deputy Warden Irving Hazeltine and Superintendent Fish Car T. J. Craig Superintend Planting Assisted by Dr. Barrows of Vale.

Malheur county was recognized as a fit place in which to propagate game fish last Saturday when the State Commission's fish car with 30,000 trout fry passed thru Ontario enroute for the Willow Creek reservoir.

That afternoon under the direction of District Deputy Game Warden, Irving Hazeltine of Baker, T. J. Craig, superintendent of the fish car, and Doctor Barrows of Vale, representing the sportsmen of the county, these fry were planted in the reservoir above Brogan where they will find an ideal place for growth.

"It may be interesting to the sportsmen of Malheur county to know that the cost to the state of making this one planting is greater than the entire receipts from fishing licenses purchased in Malheur county for two years," said Mr. Hazeltine.

"A large portion of this cost is in transporting the fry from the Bonneville hatchery to Brogan. It cost just 30 cents per mile and from Bonneville to Brogan and return represents practically 1000 miles. Added to this of course is the cost of securing eggs and developing the fish to the age of planting.

"We have been anxious for some time to plant some trout in the Willow Creek reservoir to increase the stock in this county, but the cost of doing so has made it impossible. Before the war we used to pay just 10 cents per mile for the fish car, now it is three times that much."

"It costs \$1.25 per thousand to raise the fish from eggs and from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per thousand to distribute them. We believe the Willow Creek reservoir will be ideal for the growing fish and when the Warm Springs Reservoir is filled that will give Malheur county a second source of supply when we can get it stocked, as we hope to in the near future."

While the fish car was in the city Sunday on its way back to Bonneville many Ontarians visited it and enjoyed seeing the manner in which the little fish are supplied with fresh cold air during their journey to planting grounds. The state has owned the car for eight years and in all that time it has been in charge of Mr. Craig, who has some remarkable records in transporting fish without having any die enroute.

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## FRANK RADER ELECTED CLUB VICE-PRESIDENT

Commercial Body Complete Organization and Appoints New Committees—Action Must be Taken by Committees.

At a special meeting of the board

of directors of the Commercial club held last Saturday afternoon Frank Rader of Rader Bros. was elected vice-president. This office has been vacant two years and the directors felt that a tightening up of the organization was needed, so that no hitch in the club's program would be experienced by the absence of the President.

It was also determined that hereafter when committees are appointed and do not take interest in their work that others who will do so shall succeed them. Following this idea the committee which was originally instructed to co-operate in an effort to bring 2000 acres on Dead Ox Flat into the Warm Springs District was discharged and a new committee consisting of J. R. Blackaby, D. M. Taggart and F. L. Body was named.